



INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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Charges and Convictions Activity – April 2006

Ronald L. Amis – Amis injured his back while working for Louisville Bible College in 2000. He received a workers' compensation settlement but later moved to re-open his claim, claiming to be very limited in his physical activities and was unable to work. He also testified at a deposition that he had not worked since his initial injury. Video surveillance revealed he worked at a garden center where he shoveled and lifted heavy objects. On 3/28/06, Amis was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts and one felony count of perjury first degree in Jefferson Circuit Court.

Paul Beavers – On or about 6/3/03, Beavers presented a fake or counterfeit certificate for liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage to Outback Builders. On 12/19/05, Beavers was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Nelson Circuit Court. On 4/3/06, Beavers pled guilty to the amended misdemeanor charge of fraudulent insurance acts, and was sentenced to 12 months conditionally discharged for two years. He was ordered to pay \$782.55 to the Fraud Division for investigation expenses.

James Borders, Lisa Borders, and Christa Bristol – The three defendants made false statements to Kentucky Farm Bureau regarding the location and the circumstances surrounding an accident involving the minor daughter of James and Lisa Borders. On 3/28/06, the defendants were charged with one felony count of complicity - fraudulent insurance acts and one felony count of complicity - unlawful transaction with a minor in Jefferson Circuit Court.

Damon C. Churchill – Between 7/13/04 and 7/20/04, Churchill, acting alone or in complicity with Andrew Whaley, presented a claim to Nationwide for damage to his 1993 Mercedes as a result of an accident. However, approximately one month before, Churchill presented a claim to Safe Auto for identical damage to the same vehicle. On 6/30/05, he was charged with one felony count of complicity – fraudulent insurance acts, in Jefferson Circuit Court. On 3/28/06, Churchill pled guilty to the felony charge, and was sentenced to five years probated for five years. He was ordered to pay \$7,174.00 in restitution to Nationwide Insurance and \$2,411.00 to the Fraud Division for investigation expenses. Both the restitution and fine are to be paid jointly and severally by both Churchill and Whaley.

James Haddix – On or about 4/26/04, Haddix made false statements to his workers' compensation carrier, Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance (KEMI), when he denied working. In fact, Haddix both owned and worked at C&H Auto Sales. On 3/15/06, Haddix was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Lawrence District Court. He pled guilty to the amended misdemeanor charge of fraudulent insurance acts, and was sentenced to 12 months probated for 12 months. He was ordered to pay \$1,319.46 in restitution to KEMI and \$500.00 (\$1,000.00 with \$500.00 suspended) to the Fraud Division for investigation expenses.

Pamela King – On or about 5/12/05, King presented a fake declaration sheet which purported to evidence homeowners insurance to American General Finance in order to obtain a loan. On 12/1/05, King was charged with one misdemeanor count of fraudulent insurance acts in Mason District Court. On 2/27/06, King pled guilty to the misdemeanor charge of fraudulent insurance acts and was sentenced to 12 months conditionally discharged for two years. She was ordered to pay \$500.00 (\$1,000.00 with \$500.00 suspended) to the Fraud Division for investigation expenses.

Mike Mueller – On or between 2/19/04 and 10/10/05, Mueller submitted false documents for auto repairs to Indiana Insurance, Safe Auto, Lee Insurance, and Sentry Insurance. Mueller was previously convicted in 2004 of a felony count of fraudulent insurance acts. On 10/10/05, Mueller was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts and one felony count of Persistent Felony Offender (PFO) II in Laurel Circuit Court. On 3/17/06, Mueller pled guilty to eight felony counts of fraudulent insurance acts and one felony count of PFO II. He was sentenced to four years on each count of fraudulent insurance acts which was enhanced to five years due to the PFO count. All counts are to run concurrently. He was ordered to pay \$2,783.84 in restitution to Safe Auto as a condition of parole.

Kenneth Wayne Smith – Smith reported a work-related injury to his shoulder in 2002 and began drawing temporary total disability (TTD) benefits. Smith informed his doctor that he still had pain and could not work even though he had taken a job as a tow truck driver. Smith has a prior felony conviction for robbery. On 3/28/06, Smith was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts and one felony count of Persistent Felony Offender (PFO) II in Jefferson Circuit Court.

Shawn L. Waddle – On or about 6/2/03, Waddle allegedly injured his back while working for a realty company. He was placed off work and began drawing temporary total disability (TTD) benefits. Waddle told Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance (KEMI), the workers' compensation carrier, that he was unable to bend, lift heavy objects, or walk for any length of time. Video surveillance revealed Waddle could lift a lawn mower, mow the lawn, and walk up and down hills and steps. On 3/28/06, Waddle was charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts in Jefferson Circuit Court.